

**Abstract of the Disclosure****Duplication Space**

5 The present invention provides a method and apparatus for sharing data over a network, having a plurality of network-connected terminals (**101**, **104**, **106**, **108**), each comprising visual display means (**204**, **213**, **223**), processing means (**301**, **401**), storage means (**305**) and memory means (**304**, **404**); wherein said memory means is configured to store program instructions (**503**) for equipping objects stored therein with attributes and for managing the duplication of said objects. Said processing means (**301**, **401**) is configurable by said program instructions (**503**) to perform the steps of equipping an object with attributes (**603**) at a first of said network terminals; at a second of said network terminals, matching said object attributes of said first terminal with the attributes of an object amongst all of the objects stored in said second terminal (**604**); duplicating said object from said second terminal to said first terminal (**605**); at said first terminal, accessing data in said duplicated object using locally executed object instructions (**606**); and maintaining data consistency between said duplicated objects (**607**).

20 (Figure 6)